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SUBJ: COSTA RICAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PREPARATIONS ON
NICARAGUAN BORDER

1. COSTA RICAN ATTENTION TO ITS NORTHERN BORDER CURRENTLY IS
FOCUSED ON PREPARATIONS FOR AN EXPECTED ONSLAUGHT OF NICARAGUANS
FLEEING FROM THE CHAOS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. ONE OFFICIAL ESTIMATE
IS THAT AS MANY AS 100,000 MAY CROSS BORDER IN NEXT FEW DAYS. THE
AREA REMAINS QUIET, AND THE COSTA RICAN CIVIL GUARD REPORTEDLY
HAS PULLED BACK ITS PATROLS (EXCEPT FOR THE DETACHMENT IN PENAS
BLANCAS) TO TWO KILOMETERS FROM THE FRONTIER "TO AVOID
INCIDENTS". PUBLIC FORCES HEAD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THERE HAS BEEN
NO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GUARDSMEN IN AREA (TOTAL AT PRESENT IS
SIXTY), BUT THAT REINFORCEMENTS COULD BE SENT IF NECESSARY.

2. RED CROSS PREPARATIONS HAVE INCLUDED RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS
WHO WOULD ENTER INTO SERVICE AS REQUIRED AND BUILD UP OF
BLOOD SUPPLIES FOR TRANSFUSIONS; FIRST RED CROSS EMERGENCY AID
STATION IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN OPERATION 12 SEPTEMBER IN LAS
VUELTAS (NEAR PENAS BLANCAS). BRUNT OF REFUGEE PRESSURE WILL
FALL ON LIBERIA, CITY SOME 70 KM FROM BORDER ON INTER-AMERICAN
HIGHWAY. AN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, INCLUDING HEALTH MINISTRY, RED
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CROSS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAS BEEN FORMED THERE. PLANS
INCLUDE CONCENTRATION OF GUANACASTE PROVINCE AMBULANCES IN
LIBERIA; BORDER INNOCULATIONS (TYPHOID, MALARIA, POLIO, TETANUS);
USE OF LOCAL STADIUM, GYMNASIUM, AND CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION HALL
AS TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT SITES; AND A REQUEST TO GOCR TO FORBID
ALL TRANSPORT
OF ANIMALS ACROSS BORDER FROM NICARAGUA (TO PREVENT

RABIES).

3. OFFICE OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR
REFUGEES, LOCATED IN SAN JOSE, INFORMED EMBASSY 12 SEPTEMBER
THAT IT HAD OFFERED TO HELP GOCR BUT THAT SO FAR GOVERNMENT HAS
NOT ASKED FOR ANY ASSISTANCE.
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